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Subject: Resolutions – Communities of Moore County

Dear Mr. Corso:

Thank you for your stewardship in representing the communities of Moore County and for forwarding the resolutions passed by the towns of Southern Pines, Aberdeen, Pinebluff and the Village of Pinehurst. The level of public participation in the county's Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) has been strong and has supported the Department's cooperative efforts to develop a CTP that balances local priorities and identifies transportation needs over a thirty-year study period.

The local concerns are important to the Department, and I would welcome the opportunity to meet with you and other Moore County public officials to discuss the ongoing CTP process and the Strategic Highway Corridor (SHC) Vision Plan. You may contact my assistant, Wendy Lapish, at (919) 707-2800 to schedule a time that is convenient.

In the interim, I would like to encourage the stakeholders and public officials in Moore County to continue their participation in the ongoing CTP study. The report and summary of the recent public outreach initiatives, called charettes, is still under production. Both preliminary data and community feedback indicates that several significant communities were under-represented at the charettes. A true consensus can be reached only through continued public outreach initiatives that include equitable representation of all Moore County residents.

The purpose of the charettes was to provide public input and local feedback on issues associated with five focus areas *that existed before* the start of the CTP. Locally provided data is an important part of the CTP process that will help quantify current and future travel demand and identify transportation deficiencies.

State law G.S. 136.66-2 calls upon each municipality to work cooperatively with the Department to develop a CTP that will serve present and anticipated travel demand in and around their communities. It is my recommendation for Moore County to continue with the development of the CTP. Development of the CTP is a cooperative effort between the Department and the local governments. It is being directed by the Moore County Transportation Committee. In order to be valid and meet the requirements of GS 136.66-2, it must be mutually adopted by the Department, the county and each municipality. Once adopted, it will serve as the basis for

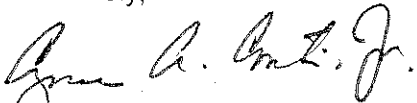
future transportation improvements in the area. In addition to a mutually adopted CTP, one of the major outcomes of the study will be a review of the Strategic Highway Corridor designations of all the facilities in Moore County to ensure they are classified appropriately and are consistent with the regional and statewide SHC system.

As part of the CTP study, the Department has initiated an Origin and Destination Study to aid in the development of the Moore County Travel Demand Model and to better understand travel in the area. This study is an important component of the overall CTP study.

If the local governments of Moore County have reached a decision to discontinue cooperative development of the Moore County CTP, then a letter should be submitted to the Transportation Planning Branch Manager, Mike Bruff. It should be understood that this decision could have impacts on future transportation improvements in the County. All transportation projects in the state go through prioritization process that is based on objective, data-driven analysis of their benefits and cost. Without a mutually adopted CTP, it is unlikely that significant local transportation improvements would be able to compete on a statewide level for inclusion in the biennial Program and Resource Plan, or the state Transportation Improvement Program. Additionally, without a CTP, future transportation impacts to the human and natural environments may be more severe if development continues to be permitted in advance of a well thought out, mutually adopted long range transportation plan.

I look forward to meeting with you and other Moore County municipal and county representatives to further discuss these issues and the advancement of the CTP.

Sincerely,



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